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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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County, Inc.

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Whereas, Before the 1950s, individuals with disabilities were shunned from society, either institutionalized or hidden at home;

Whereas, A visionary and dedicated group of Wabash County parents, wanting something better for their children with intellectual disabilities, came together in 1954 to create a school for their children;

Whereas, One parent donated a home that was converted into a classroom and other parents raised money through bake sales and other fundraisers to purchase supplies and hire a teacher for their children who were not permitted to attend public schools because they did not function like other school-age children;

Whereas, The parents considered this initiative to be the only hope for their children's education; this humble facility was named the "School of Hope";

Whereas, As the children became young adults in need of vocational skills training, a sheltered workshop named "Workshop Enterprises" was created to meet the expanding needs;

Whereas, Arc of Wabash County now provides "sheltered employment" opportunities in its own facility as well as



within businesses in the community, along with prevocational services, community employment services, supported employment services, and follow-along services;

Whereas, Through Arc of Wabash County's Supported Living Program, people with intellectual disabilities can learn to actively participate in the community and live more independently;

Whereas, Manchester University's Student Education Association (SEA) provides volunteers who work with Arc consumers by organizing after hours and weekend activities such as bowling, dances, dinners, trips to sporting events, and parties which persons served at Arc attend and thoroughly enjoy;

Whereas, From its simple beginning at the School of Hope, Arc of Wabash County now serves approximately 200 children and adults annually in the Wabash County area; and

Whereas, For the past 60 years Arc of Wabash County has consistently created services and opportunities for persons with disabilities to live meaningful lives; Arc now looks forward to even greater opportunities in the years ahead: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Arc of
- 2 Wabash County for its dedicated services to the thousands of people
- 3 whose lives have been touched by its caring and dedicated personnel.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Arc of Wabash
- 6 County.

